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April 3, 2006

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Merced County Association of Governments' (MCAG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10	Local Element Modifies the Hazard Elimination & Safety lump sum project (MPOID: CT005) per project lists constituting the lump sum.* See Enclosure.

*The amendment programs a total of \$898,000 in Fiscal Year 2005/06.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 10 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 and 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The MCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ROSS A CHITTENDEN
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosure

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Jesse B. Brown - Merced County Association of Governments
Marjie Kim - Merced County Association of Governments